

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 2/24/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a renewal agreement (Clerks File) with the State Water Resources Control Board for FY 2014-15 in the amount not to exceed \$97,500 to continue the beach monitoring program and a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the renewal agreement. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the FY 2014-15 renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$97,500 to continue the beach monitoring program; and 2) Approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the attached renewal agreement and future amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State / Federal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$97,500.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$97,500.00	(9) BUDGETED? \$74,821- budgeted \$22,679 - unanticipated revenue
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>03/04/2014</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: 2/24/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Approve the FY 2014-15 renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$97,500 to continue the beach monitoring program; and
- 2) Approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the renewal agreement and future amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support.

DISCUSSION

This agreement continues the Beach Monitoring program that started in 1999. The agreement was received from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on January 14, 2015. The term of this agreement began on July 1, 2014 and continues until June 30, 2015. The maximum amount payable under this agreement is \$97,500 and is shared between Environmental Health and the Public Health Laboratory (EH-\$62,437; PHL-\$35,063). A resolution is required by the SWRCB to demonstrate proof of Board approval. The resolution authorizes the Health Officer to sign the agreement and future amendments.

The purpose of the beach monitoring and public notification program is to provide the public that swims and recreates in our oceans information so that they can make an informed choice about the health risks. There are many risks associated with entering our ocean waters including bacteria/virus/protozoa contamination, physical hazards, sharks and many others. The beach monitoring and public notification program provides information and notification services to the public regarding biologic contamination.

Disease causing bacteria, viruses and protozoa are commonly found in contaminated ocean water and are known to cause diarrhea, vomiting, fever, abdominal cramps, common colds, respiratory infections, hepatitis, cryptosporidiosis, salmonellosis, giardiasis, and dysentery. While swimming or recreating in the ocean may result in self-limiting illnesses, more serious illnesses such as hepatitis and cryptosporidiosis are also a possibility. Children, elderly and people with weakened immune systems are the most vulnerable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the renewal agreement and resolution as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The attached agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board provides funding not to exceed \$97,500 for FY 2014-15. The FY 2014-15 adopted budget includes an allocation of \$74,821. The \$22,679 increased revenue will be divided between Environmental Health and the Public Health Laboratory (EH-\$14,852; PHL-\$7,827). The additional funds will help offset program costs. Approval of the resolution authorizes the Health Officer to sign this agreement and future amendments that have no effect on the level of County General Fund support required.

RESULTS

The results intended for this agreement are to provide information to the public regarding the water quality of our beaches and to provide a safe and healthful environment by either posting health warnings or closing access to the ocean if circumstances warrant. By monitoring the water quality along our beaches and notifying the public, tourists and visitors can make informed decisions about entering the water and be protected from various diseases of the skin, lungs, eyes, and ears. In FY 2013-14, thirty-nine health advisories were issued and there were no beach closures. Services provided by this agreement contribute to the County goal to provide a safe and healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's File Statement for Renewal Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board
2. Resolution authorizing Health Officer to sign renewal agreement.